

Hello,

My name is Becky and I've been a flight attendant for the past six years and have had emergency situations in the air and on the ground. I've also had emergency landings as well. Please read my comments and take heed to what I'm saying to you. Please take the time to read this:

I just wanted to state that I strongly feel that cell phone use on any aircraft is very unsafe. I'm a flight attendant and during my exit row briefings or when I'm trying to secure my cabin for take off, whomever is on their cell phone ignores what I'm saying to them and I must ask them several times for their attention. You would put my life, all my fellow industry workers lives, and the lives of passengers at risk in the air with terrorists and them being able to communicate with each other via cell phone use or text messaging. I've even had pilots tell me that they've seen cell phone use interrupt the navigational system of the aircraft they're flying. There is no proof one way or the other if cell phone use in the air interferes with the navigational system, but do you really want to assist the terrorists in possibly ending several millions of lives with the risk of using cell phones and finding out later that it might interfere with aircraft navigational systems and have unfortunately have caused several crashes? You might take this subject lightly, but I value my life more than you do if you're considering this option of cell phone use in the air. Please don't make the mistake of allowing this to pass and then having regrets for this action later. I'm telling you, that no one ever pays attention to any instructions or PA announcements that are made when they're on their cell phone. In an evacuation, the law of the FAA and FAR's state, that you must be able to evacuate a plane in 90 seconds. That just wouldn't happen, if everyone got on their cell phones to say their goodbyes to their loved ones. Not that I wouldn't understand that or blame them for wanting to, but they would be risking everyone else's lives onboard in that event. Also in an emergency landing they would not be listening to our instructions, but instead they would be saying their goodbyes and talking on their cell phone and risking their life and the lives of others by talking to loud so that no one else can hear the important instructions and safety announcements in order to survive and evacuate in a safe and effective fashion and to know how to evacuate. Do you really want to take this burden of disaster and put it on your shoulders???? Thank you for your time and please consider what I'm saying to you, from someone who's work environment is always seeing and observing dangerous situations in the air. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Becky R. Grant